

THE HEPRURN CANAL BILL

Considered by the Senate Committee and Action Deferred.

Senator Hanna's Motion to Delay Until the Isthmian Commission Case Be Heard Prevails by a Vote Said to Be Five to Three—Expected to Be Given a Hearing on Next Friday

The Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals met today and had under consideration the Hepburn Nicaragua Canal bill, which was passed by the House on May 3. The members of the committee present were Senators Morgan, Harris, Turner, Hawley, Sewell, Platt of New York, McBridge, and Hanna. Senator Cubesbon was absent.

So far as could be learned, no members of the committee would make any statement concerning the action that was taken. Senator Morgan said: "I will not tell you a thing about it. I will not give out one word of what transpired here the committee room upon the subject of the canal."

Senator Hanna said: "No, I am not going to divulge any of the secrets of the committee room, and cannot talk with you about the work of the committee on the canal."

Senator McBridge said: "The Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals met and considered

Other members of the committee were equally taciturn on the canal question. Notwithstanding that the Senators named declined to discuss the matter directly with newspaper men two stories gained

consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed pending the receipt of further information from the Isthmian Canal Commission. The other was that the committee had determined to adversely report the bill by a vote of five to three. The first account of the action of the committee appeared to have the greater weight of credibility. It was said that Messrs. Morgan, Harris, and Turner stoutly contended for immediate action, despite the absence of Mr. Culberson, these members being eager to begin the fight on the

Mr. Hanna appeared as the champion of delay. He put forth the arguments made familiar by the opponents of the canal. He said that he favored an interoceanic canal—that is, he favored the construction of it

He wanted all routes explored, surveyed, and reported on, and he wanted the treaty rights of the United States in the premises determined.

For these reasons, he moved that the committee be delayed until the Isthmian Canal Commission should have made its final report. When it was evident to the minority members of the committee that Mr. Hanna's proposition would have the support of the Republican members, it was decided to carry it out.

Mr. Morgan moved that further consideration of the bill should be postponed until information could be obtained from the Isthmian Canal Commission as to

The second account of the committee's action is probably founded on two facts:

and Mr. McBride's long, close conference with Mr. Fairbanks. When Mr. Morgan announced to newspaper men that he would not talk about the canal matter, he made the statement in a gloomy manner and as though he were oppressed and discouraged. Mr. McBride, directly after the adjournment of the Senate, sought Mr. Fairbanks and the two conversed together in the Senate Chamber for half an hour. They seemed so perfectly agree.

This is significant in that Mr. Fairbanks is one of the stalwart Administration men, and Mr. McBride is said to be undetermined as to whether his political fortunes

Administration. Mr. Hepburn, author of the bill, which was under consideration, is in Iowa.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday. Rear Admiral Walker has been invited to appear and give his views as to the comparative practicability of the Nicaragua and Panama routes.

MR. JOHNSON'S RETIREMENT.

A New Chief for the Bureau Not Yet Named.

Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, in conjunction with Assistant Director Sullivan, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, are preparing that institution now and

Mr. Johnson's successor is appointed. The resignation of Mr. Johnson will go into effect tomorrow, when he will retire.

Mr. Vanderlip has spent nearly every forenoon since Mr. Johnson handed in his resignation at the plant making himself

NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

A Schedule Arranged for the Summer Cruise.

Rear Admiral Farquhar, commanding the North Atlantic Squadron, who is

Washington, has arranged with Secretary Long for a cruise of the squadron this summer. Owing to the comparatively few men available for sea service and the ne-

The squadron will be at Newport on June 2, to attend the opening of the Naval War

College at Boston, June 17, for the Bunker Hill ceremonies, and at Portland, Me., on August 6, for a local celebration. Between these dates the ships will devote themselves to target practice and tactical maneuvers.

ROSEMONT, Pa., May 9.—Alfred Tunnel, a colored man, was held in \$300 bail by Justice Warner, here yesterday on a charge of trespass. Tunnel is a driver for I. Howard Sunplee. Mr. Sunplee believes

ing that the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd was about to plant a hedge three feet outside of their property line, on Lancaster Avenue, is alleged to have had Tunnel place a wagon on the disputed land. The arrest followed. There are rumors now of all kinds of hostilities.

Examinations for the Army.

On June 1 next, examinations will be held at the headquarters of every department of the Army for the grade of second lieutenant.

and Lieutenant. The test may be taken by all enlisted men. It is said there are at present 150 vacancies in this rank and there are not enough West Point graduates to fill them. If enough enlisted men do not take or pass the examinations the remain-

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